

Freckleton Parish Council

Minutes of the Open Spaces Meeting held on Monday 15th March 2004.

Present:

Councillor T. Threlfall, (Chair)

Councillors Mrs S Delany, Mrs J Maguire, Mrs M Whitehead, B Ellicott, C Robb.

Apologies: Councillor T Fiddler,

1. Croft Butts lane allotments – general discussion.

13 representatives from the allotments attended the meeting. Mr. Duck sent his apologies. The following issues were raised:-

a. Problems with rodents – mainly rats and rabbits.

It was agreed that this matter should be referred to the Fylde Borough Council.

b. Garden rubbish being thrown over the fence from Ansboro Ave.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the offending residents after he had reviewed the problem.

c. Maintenance of footpaths and hedges within the allotments.

It was unclear who was responsible for this work. It was felt that the hedges were the responsibility of the FBC.

d. Removal of Rubbish

It was suggested that a skip should be hired to remove all the rubbish that accumulates. The Council agreed to consider this.

e. Vandalism

It was requested that a sign be erected at the entrance to the allotment indicating “no trespassing or wilful damage”. It was also requested that a sign be erected indicating “No dog walking allowed”. The council agreed to consider this.

f. Rules and regulations.

An enquiry was made as to whether there were rules and regulations set out for the allotments. The Clerk indicated that these were incorporated into the tenancy agreement and agreed to issue all holders with a new agreement. It was also suggested that the holders should form an Allotment Association, as benefits could be obtained.

g. Poor water pressure

It was reported that when both stand pipes are in use the water pressure was low. The Council agreed to review.

h. Manure

An enquiry was made as to whether the Council could arrange for a supply of manure from one of the local outlets that supplied it free. It was suggested that this should be organised by the Allotment Association when formed.

i. Inspection of allotments.

It was requested that all the annual allotment inspections be made during the growing season. The Council agreed to review.

j. BNFL Fall out inspection

It was requested that these results be passed onto the allotment holders. Again, it was suggested that if an Association was formed these results would be forwarded to the Chairman.

The Chairman thanked the allotment holder for attending and agreed to report back on the outstanding issues.

2. New Playground equipment

Two new pieces of equipment were identified as potential replacement for the piece that had been removed.

It was agreed that both Companies should be invited to quote and the Clerk agreed to arrange site visits.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting.

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